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The Mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.

July Newsletter Deadline: Friday, June 20th

The Messenger



Father's Day – Sunday, June 15th

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St. Peter Lutheran Church – June 2025

A Little Bit of This and That for June 2025...

Where are the places that you find rest and restoration for your body and soul? Summer is so often meant to be the special time of the year when we take time to vacation and rest, but often life just seems to get more and more hectic. We have a hard time to be fully present in the situations we find ourselves. Often, we lose ourselves in the craziness of the demands that summer (and really any time of the year) can bring.

In June I will begin a four week preaching series on the ***Sacred Art of Listening***. So often we get so busy that we do not take the time to carve out time to listen to God, to ourselves, to each other, and to our community. This will be our focus beginning June 11 and 15.

Taking time to be in tune with all four of these components is powerful for moving forward in faith and all of life in healthy ways.

I read recently in a book on listening that due to our constant ability to dial in to social media that many are truly losing the ability to listen to others, especially those who may have a different opinion than we do. Listening deeply is an art that takes time for us to clear our minds and not rehearse what we want to say while the other is talking, but is an art that when is done well can bring a deeper connection.

That is my hope in life with God and with myself and others. I desire to truly listen with a heart that is open to hear deeply and to respond in faith and love in a way that brings this deeper connection.

Have you ever looked when at a restaurant to see how many people are on their phones rather than talking and listening to the people they are with? It is kind of frightening that we let the demands of answering texts, emails, phone calls, gaming or Tik Tok take precedence of being fully present.

This summer you are invited to take time to listen in more intentional ways so that you can be more in tune with yourself, God and others. May God bless you as you carve our time to form deeper connections through listening deeply.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

Challenge for June: Set your phone timer for 5-10 minutes and just sit in silence.

Notice what you hear, see, or feel? Choose some different settings – possibly outside your home, at a park or on a hiking trail. Notice: How hard is it for you to get quiet and just listen to yourself, God and your surroundings? Does carving out this time to listen bring a sense of calm and renewal to you?

Summer Preaching Themes:

For the last two years we have been using the Narrative Lectionary for our worship scriptures. The lectionary does not run in the summer in order to allow pastors to have more freedom to choose themes and scriptures for preaching and worship.

One of the joys in the summer is that Doug comes to Delphos to preach with me on Wednesday evenings and then I preach with him on Saturday evenings at St. Mark's in Wapakoneta. Therefore, we both will be preaching on the same themes. So, I have been consulting with Doug to come up with three themes that will begin the third week in June. Prior to that we will be preaching for several weeks on Galatians.

The Themes:

1. **Listening:** based on the book, "The Listening Life: Embracing.

Attentiveness in a World of Distraction" by Adam S. McHugh. This is the designated year of listening by Bishop Beaudoin of our Northwestern Ohio Synod so it seems appropriate to spend some time preaching and learning about how to listen to God, ourselves, others, and our communities.

2. **God's Gifts to a Chaotic World:** Grace, Perseverance, Forgiveness and Blessings

3. **After I say I believe,** how do I attend to my faith in taking care of my time, talents, treasures, relationships and creation?

Summer Wednesday Evening Services:

This additional service begins the Wednesday before Memorial Day and runs into September as the weather and daylight permits. It is designed to allow those who will be away on the weekends to still have an opportunity to worship. Many, though, just like the opportunity to worship in a more relaxed setting outdoors.

Currently, the area in the courtyard where we normally hold the service is in the process of getting ready to have new concrete poured. Therefore, on May 21st, the worship service was to be held in the Parish Hall. If it takes a few more weeks to get the concrete poured, we will meet at the side of the church by the parking lot.

When the weather is rainy, we will meet in the Parish Hall.

This service is geared to be a little more informal and placed in a setting to enjoy the summer weather and avoid any excess heat that may be in the sanctuary in the evenings during the summer.

Also, it is a great service to invite a friend to as it is more relaxed in nature. People are invited to bring a lawn chair to enjoy sitting outside while worshipping together.

Please note that Sunday worship times are now changed to **9:00 AM starting on Memorial Day weekend** and will run through Labor Day weekend.

Blessings and Congratulations to our Graduates:

High School:

- **Sam Hastings** will be attending BGSU and pursuing a degree in criminal justice. Sam may enter the ROTC program and ultimately is interested in being a Highway Patrolman and possibly pursuing work in later years in the FBI.
- Garrett Trentman will also be attending BGSU and is enrolled in the Airforce ROTC program. He will be majoring in supply chain management. He loves to go fast and hopes to get his pilot 's license.

College:

- Emily Dienstberger graduated from Bluffton University with a major education. Emily will be a first-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School in the fall.
- Anna Fitch graduated from BGSU and will be pursuing a doctorate in Occupational Therapy at Toledo University in the fall.
- Paige Kloeppel will graduate in August from the University of Cincinnati with majored in nuclear medicine and MRI technician. She will be employed by Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay.
- Kaiden graduated from Miami University. He majored in Electro/Mechanical Engineering and has a fulltime position with Alliance Automation as a manufacturing engineer.

Masters:

- Lauren Hermiller graduated from BGSU in 2024 but was able to complete her Masters of Education while teaching in her first year for Napoleon School District this year. She will be teaching first grade at Ottoville in the fall.

June Birthdays – if we do not have your birthday listed, please contact Lauren to get your name on the list to recognize your special day.



- 2) Lauren French
- 2) Heather Radebaugh
- 5) Larry Miller
- 6) Lynn Miller
- 7) Rick Miller
- 8) Jennifer Trentman
- 9) Dan Kramer
- 14) Anna Fitch
- 16) Aaron Kloeppel
- 24) Stephanie Harman
- 24) Shelby Buchholz
- 26) Jordan Vorst
- 25) Judy Staples
- 27) Lauren Trentman
- 29) James Hasting
- 30) Tyler Miller
- 30) Matt Weitzel



We will provide printed copies at the back of the sanctuary and email everyone on our email list.

(Please update your email address with us if you have not done so at stpeterdelphos@gmail.com.)

You can also access our monthly newsletter on our website at stpeterdelphos.org

Thank you for your patience as we transfer to a new way of delivering the newsletter each month!

InReach/OutReach

Prayer Chain – If you would like your name added to the prayer chain, please contact Susan McGue at 419-234-6448. If you ever need a prayer chain started, please contact Susan on the cell phone number listed above. *Do NOT send her computer an email.* You may call or send her cell phone a text message. Susan is the primary start person and if she can't be reached by phone, then call the church office. Please have permission from the person or family before we publish any names.

Keep our shut-ins and military friends and families in your prayers.

Shut-ins

Sharon Reel – Vancrest of Van Wert
Norma Koenig – Vancrest of Delphos
Rose Hager

Military:

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| Fred Hasting | Navy | Stateside |
| Christian Jarman | Air Force | Stateside |

General Announcements

Radio Ministry was given to the glory of God in May by:

- Himmeger family in memory of Earl Himmeger
- Klenz family in memory of Rolland Klenz
- Members of St. Peter
- Ron and Sue Kloeppel and family

CHURCH NEWS:

The 2025 Radio Ministry

The sign up sheet is at the back of church to sign up for the 2025 church year. The cost per week to broadcast on the radio is \$60.00.

The 2025 flower chart is also posted in the hallway for anyone wanting to sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday.

It is very easy to use our Vanco (Titheley link) to set up payment for the service or you may write a check too. You can follow the link listed below to securely submit a payment for *radio ministry*. You will still need to call or email Lauren to let her know which service you are sponsoring as well as to let her know the wording you would like in the bulletin. You may also sign up in the red notebook at the back of the sanctuary. <http://www.stpeterdelphos.org/giving-2/>
Thank you for supporting this very important ministry.

Thrivent News: For those of you who have investments or life insurance policies through Thrivent, there may be opportunities for you to direct Choice Dollars to our church by logging onto your account at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. If you have funds available, they allow you to choose an organization for which to designate.



Welcome new members, Carolyn Dunlap and Kathy Stemen who joined the St. Peter Lutheran Church on April 27th!

Other News:

On May 25, Jason St. Pierre was confirmed. Jason is being raised by his mother, Ronnette St. Pierre and Dan Marlow. He was baptized several years ago in the pond at the home of Eric Fritz and has spent the last two years in confirmation. His faith verse is John 3:16. Jason is an outgoing extravert who likes to engage in conversation. He loves to read the lessons and be active in worship. In his spare time, he has been learning to play the guitar and seems to have some strong gifts in music. Jason will be a ninth grader at Ft. Jennings High School in the fall. Congratulations to Jason for affirming his baptism and moving forward in faith.

Maintenance:

We have completely cleaned out the basement and crawl space areas by an outside company as well as having another company install 10 new LED lights in the crawl space for better access working conditions. We have installed four new outdoor spigots around the church to better enable the watering of our new landscape and to do general maintenance.

Concrete work is being done when the weather cooperates. Currently everything is prepped for the total area for concrete that was removed in order to install the new drain and sewer system. The front sidewalk in front of the parish hall will be replaced this summer as weather permits. Landon Calvelage has begun the work on his Eagle Scout project. He has power washed the concrete and sandstone as well as the entire sidewalk areas around the church. He will be completing the landscaping around the front for the sanctuary.

Buckeye Exterminators will be coming back the 29 of May to finish fogging the crawl space and basement. They have already sprayed around the building. The small roof where the back door to the sanctuary is located is leaking and Dan is getting people lined up to replace the roof. The parish hall roof was inspected and found to be in good shape but needs attention to recaulk the areas where the rubber roof meets the concrete.

Monthly Finance Report:



To view the monthly church calendar
and the Servants of the Lord,
click on the link under the section labeled
Monthly Church Calendars.

Contact Lauren in the office if you would like a copy printed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

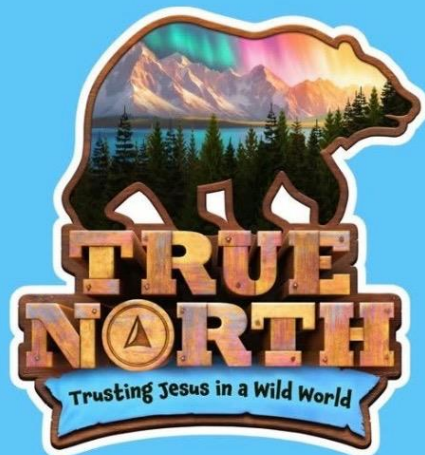
VBS T-SHIRTS are **PRE-SALE ONLY**; the deadline to order **June 26**. Scan the QR code or check out our Facebook page, St. Peter Delphos, to register and order your kids their shirts. Don't miss out on all of that is planned for **JULY 6--JULY 10 FROM 6 P.M.--8:30 P.M. FOR PRE-K THROUGH 5 GRADERS.**

Register today!

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to make VBS a success. Many hands make light work, and you do NOT have to commit to every night if that doesn't work for you. Grade 6 through age 100 are welcome! We need:

- Set-up Committee
- Tear-down Committee
- Station Assistants
- Crew Leaders
- Pool Party Assistants

Volunteers need to register using the QR Code or by using the link on our Facebook page, St. Peter Delphos. Volunteers registered by June 26 receive a complimentary t-shirt. Please contact Carrie Calvelage at 419-233-4561 if you have any questions.



All kids Pre-K through 5th Grade invited!



- Bible Skits
- Arts & Crafts
- Science Experiments
- Fun Games
- Music & Singing
- Snacks & Refreshments



Boy vs Girl Money Fundraiser to Benefit LifeWise Delphos



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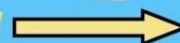


Order Deadline June 26th



VBS Registration Online ONLY!

- Student & Volunteer Registration
(Open and scroll down to register)
- All Forms & Videos



<https://vbspro.events/p/delphos>

Celebrating God's Creation in Summer

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Campfires

Fishing Holes

Playful Children

Beautiful Flowers

Lady Bugs

Growing Crops

Warm Weather

Streams and Rivers

Birds

Green Grass

Mountains

Sunshine